

# Craters of the Moon

National Monument and Preserve  
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## Bird Checklist



### Birding Watching at Craters of the Moon

While stark, barren lavas are the focal point of the 1175-square mile monument, other habitats are well represented: limber pine forest; pockets of Douglas fir and aspen; extensive tracts of sagebrush, other shrubs, and grasses; and a few small riparian zones and wetlands. These attract a variety of birds, and the monument's proximity to other ecosystems — marshes, mountains, forests, and lakes — bring a wide spectrum of migrants and accidentals to the area. A surprising 207 species of birds have been reported at Craters of the Moon.

Few birds remain during the harsh winters. However, some are far northern species, difficult to find in the U.S. and therefore of interest to birders. Spring migrants reach a peak in May, and as summer progresses, more than 100 species may nest. By mid-August, south-bound migrants are visible, pausing here to rest and forage.

Sightings by visitors are important additions to our wildlife records. Please report unusual bird sightings at the visitor center or write to:

Craters of the Moon National Monument  
Resource Management Division  
P.O. Box 29  
Arco, ID 83213

**CODES** These codes reflect the likelihood of finding a given species in appropriate habitat throughout a given season.

<b>A</b>	<b>Abundant</b>	Hard to miss	<b>Sp</b>	<b>Spring</b>	late March-early June
<b>C</b>	<b>Common</b>	Seen most days, easy to find	<b>S</b>	<b>Summer</b>	early June-late August
<b>F</b>	<b>Fairly Common</b>	Seen annually, but not daily	<b>F</b>	<b>Fall</b>	late August-November
<b>U</b>	<b>Uncommon</b>	A few are seen most years	<b>W</b>	<b>Winter</b>	November-March
<b>R</b>	<b>Rare</b>	Scarce, not seen yearly			
<b>O</b>	<b>Occasional</b>	Not present most years	<b>*</b>	<b>Nesting species</b>	Has been observed
<b>X</b>	<b>Accidental</b>	Not expected; fewer than 5 records			nesting at Craters of the moon

## Checklist

	<b>Grebes</b>	<b>Sp</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>W</b>
	Pied-billed Grebe	O	O	U	
	Eared Grebe	O	O	O	
	Western Grebe	O	X		
	<b>Pelicans and Cormorants</b>	<b>Sp</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>W</b>
	American White Pelican			X	
	<b>Hérons and Egrets</b>	<b>Sp</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>W</b>
	Great Blue Heron	O	O		
	White-faced Ibis		O		
	<b>Vultures</b>	<b>Sp</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>W</b>
	Turkey Vulture	C	C	U	
	<b>Ducks and Geese</b>	<b>Sp</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>W</b>
	Snow Goose	O			
	Canada Goose *	U	R	R	
	Tundra Swan	U			
	Gadwall	F		F	
	American Wigeon	F			
	Mallard *	F	O	F	
	Northern Shoveler	U			
	Cinnamon Teal	U	U		
	Northern Pintail	F			
	Blue-winged Teal	O	U	U	
	Green-winged Teal	O	X		
	Ruddy Duck	U		U	
	Canvasback	U			
	Redhead	U			
	Ring-necked Duck	U			
	Lesser Scaup	U			
	Common Goldeneye	U			
	Bufflehead	U			
	<b>Hawks, Eagles, Falcons</b>	<b>Sp</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>W</b>
	Osprey	R		R	
	Bald Eagle	R	R	R	R
	Northern Harrier *	U	F	R	
	Sharp-shinned Hawk *	U	U	U	
	Copper's Hawk *	O	O	O	
	Northern Goshawk			O	
	Swainson's Hawk.	O	R		
	Red-tailed hawk *	U	U	U	
	Rough-legged Hawk	O			U
	Ferruginous Hawk *	O	O		
	Golden Eagle *	U	U	U	U
	American Kestrel *	F	F	U	
	Merlin	O	X	O	
	Gyr Falcon				R
	Peregrine Falcon	O	O	O	
	Prairie Falcon *	R	U	U	R
	<b>Gallinaceous Birds</b>	<b>Sp</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>W</b>
	Chukar *	O	O	O	
	Gray Partridge *		O	O	
	Ring-necked Pheasant	X		X	
	Ruffed Grouse			O	
	Greater Sage Grouse *	U	U	U	U
	Blue Grouse *	U	U	U	U
	Wild Turkey		X		
	<b>Rails and Cranes</b>	<b>Sp</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>W</b>
	American Coot *	C	C	C	
	Virginia Rail	U	U	U	
	Sora			X	
	Sandhill Crane *	O		O	
	<b>Shorebirds</b>	<b>Sp</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>W</b>
	Killdeer	U	R	R	

	American Avocet	U			
	Spotted Sandpiper	R	O		
	Whimbrel			O	
	Long-billed Curlew		O		
	Least Sandpiper	X			
	Wilson's Snipe	O	O	O	
	Wilson's Phalarope			X	
	Long-billed Dowitcher			R	
	Ring-billed Gull	O			
	Herring Gull		O		
	California Gull	O			
	Franklin's Gull	O			
	Forster's Tern		O		
	Black Tern		O		
	<b>Doves and Pigeons</b>	<b>Sp</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>W</b>
	Rock Pigeon *	U	F	F	R
	Band-tailed Pigeon		X		
	Mourning Dove *	C	C	F	
	<b>Owls</b>	<b>Sp</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>W</b>
	Great Horned Owl *	U	U	U	U
	Snowy Owl				X
	Burrowing Owl *		O		
	Long-eared Owl *	R	R	O	
	Short-eared Owl *	R	U	R	
	Western Screech-owl	R			
	Northern Saw-whet Owl *	R	R	R	R
	<b>Nightjars</b>	<b>Sp</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>W</b>
	Common Nighthawk *		F		
	Common Poorwill *		F		
	<b>Swifts</b>	<b>Sp</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>W</b>
	White-throated Swift	O			
	<b>Hummingbirds</b>	<b>Sp</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>W</b>
	Black-chinned Hummingbird	R	R		
	Calliope Hummingbird	R	U		
	Broad-tailed Hummingbird		O		
	Rufous Hummingbird *	R	F		
	<b>Kingfishers</b>	<b>Sp</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>W</b>
	Belted Kingfisher	O			
	<b>Woodpeckers</b>	<b>Sp</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>W</b>
	Lewis' Woodpecker *	R	U		
	Red-headed Woodpecker		X		
	Red-naped Sapsucker *	F	R	U	
	Williamson's Sapsucker	R			
	Downy Woodpecker *	R	R	R	R
	Hairy Woodpecker *	U	U	U	U
	Northern Flicker *	C	C	C	U
	<b>Flycatchers</b>	<b>Sp</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>W</b>
	Olive-sided Flycatcher *		U		
	Western Wood-pewee *		U		
	Willow Flycatcher		X		
	Hammond's Flycatcher	R			
	Gray Flycatcher		O		
	Dusky Flycatcher *	R	F		
	Cordilleran Flycatcher		O		
	Say's Phoebe *	U	U		
	Ash-throated Flycatcher	X		X	
	Western Kingbird	R		R	
	Eastern Kingbird		O		
	<b>Shrikes</b>	<b>Sp</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>W</b>
	Loggerhead Shrike *	R	U	R	
	Northern Shrike				U

	<b>Vireos</b>	<b>Sp</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>W</b>
	Plumbeous Vireo *	R	R	R	
	Cassin's Vireo *	R	U		
	Warbling Vireo *	U	U		
	<b>Jays and Crows</b>	<b>Sp</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>W</b>
	Steller's Jay	O		O	
	Pinyon Jay	O		O	O
	Clark's Nutcracker *	C	C	A	C
	Black-billed Magpie *	R	R	U	R
	American Crow *	U	R		
	Common Raven *	C	C	C	C
	<b>Larks</b>	<b>Sp</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>W</b>
	Horned Lark		R	F	F
	<b>Swallows</b>	<b>Sp</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>W</b>
	Tree Swallow		O		
	Violet-green swallow *	F	A	U	
	Cliff Swallow	U	R		
	N. Rough-winged Swallow	U		U	
	Bank Swallow	U			
	Barn Swallow *	C	C	F	
	<b>Chickadees</b>	<b>Sp</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>W</b>
	Black-capped Chickadee *	C	C	F	R
	Mountain Chickadee *	C	C	F	F
	<b>Nuthatches</b>	<b>Sp</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>W</b>
	Red-breasted Nuthatch *	U	U	U	R
	White-breasted Nuthatch *	R	R	R	
	<b>Creepers</b>	<b>Sp</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>W</b>
	Brown Creeper	R		R	R
	<b>Wrens</b>	<b>Sp</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>W</b>
	Rock Wren *	C	C	R	
	Canyon Wren			O	
	House Wren *	U	U	R	
	Winter Wren	R	O	R	R
	Marsh Wren	U			
	<b>Dippers</b>	<b>Sp</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>W</b>
	American Dipper			X	
	<b>Kinglets, Gnatcatchers</b>	<b>Sp</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>W</b>
	Golden-crowned Kinglet	R	R	R	R
	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	C	U	C	
	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher *	R	R	R	
	<b>Thrushes</b>	<b>Sp</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>W</b>
	Western Bluebird		X		
	Mountain Bluebird *	C	C	F	
	Townsend's Solitaire	R		R	
	Swainson's Thrush	R		R	
	Hermit Thrush	U		U	
	American Robin *	C	A	F	
	Varied Thrush	R		O	
	<b>Thrashers, Mockingbirds</b>	<b>Sp</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>W</b>
	Gray Catbird	O	O		
	Northern Mockingbird	O			
	Sage Thrasher *	R	F	U	
	Brown Thrasher		X	X	
	<b>Starlings</b>	<b>Sp</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>W</b>
	European Starling *	C	C	C	U
	<b>Pipits and Wagtails</b>	<b>Sp</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>W</b>
	American Pipit			O	
	<b>Waxwings</b>	<b>Sp</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>W</b>
	Bohemian Waxwing			O	U
	Cedar Waxwing	U	R	U	
	<b>Warblers</b>	<b>Sp</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>W</b>
	Tennessee Warbler	X		X	
	Orange-crowned Warbler *	U	F	R	
	Nashville Warbler			X	

	Yellow Warbler *	U	F		
	Myrtle's Yellow-rumped Warbler	O			
	Audubon's Yellow-rumped Warbler	C	U	F	
	Townsend's Warbler	R		R	
	American Redstart	X			
	Northern Waterthrush	X		X	
	MacGillivray's Warbler *	U	F	R	
	Wilson's Warbler *	U	F	R	
	Yellow-breasted Chat	X		X	
	<b>Tanagers</b>	<b>Sp</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>W</b>
	Western Tanager *	F	U		
	<b>Sparrows</b>	<b>Sp</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>W</b>
	Green-tailed Towhee *	C	F	U	
	Spotted Towhee *	C	C	U	
	Chipping Sparrow *	U	F		
	Brewer's Sparrow *	A	A	C	
	Vesper Sparrow *	F	F	F	
	Lark Sparrow	R	U		
	Black-throated Sparrow		O		
	Sage Sparrow	R	R		
	Lark Bunting *		R		
	Savannah Sparrow	O	O		
	Grasshopper Sparrow *	U	U		
	Fox Sparrow *	U	U		
	Song Sparrow *	F	F	F	
	Lincoln's Sparrow	O			
	White-throated Sparrow			X	
	Harris Sparrow			X	
	White-crowned Sparrow	F	U	F	
	Golden-crowned Sparrow			X	
	Dark-eyed Junco (Oregon)	C	F	F	
	Dark-eyed Junco (Slate-colored)	R		R	
	Snow Bunting				U
	<b>Cardinals and Allies</b>	<b>Sp</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>W</b>
	Black-headed Grosbeak *	U	U		
	Lazuli Bunting *	F	C	F	
	<b>Blackbirds and Orioles</b>	<b>Sp</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>W</b>
	Bobolink	O			
	Red-winged Blackbird *	F	F	F	
	Western Meadowlark *	F	F	U	
	Yellow-headed Blackbird *	C	C	C	R
	Brewer's Blackbird	C	A		
	Common Grackle		X		
	Brown-headed Cowbird *	C	C		
	Bullock's Oriole *	U	U		
	Baltimore Oriole	X			
	<b>Finches</b>	<b>Sp</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>W</b>
	Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch	R			U
	Black Rosy-Finch				R
	Pine Grosbeak			O	
	Cassin's Finch *	C	A	U	
	House Finch	U	R	U	
	Red Crossbill		O	O	
	Hoary Redpoll				X
	Common Redpoll				R
	Pine Siskin *	F	C	F	U
	American Goldfinch	R		R	
	Evening Grosbeak	U	U	U	
	<b>Weaver Finches</b>	<b>Sp</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>W</b>
	House Sparrow *	C	C	C	